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SUBJECT: LICENSING OF POV'S OF MEMBERS OF US FORCES

1. IN ITS JAN 14 EDITION, TO VIMA (LIBERAL, OPPOSITION) CARRIES A STORY REPORTING THAT FOREIGN MISSION LICENSE PLATES (PREFIXED XA AND YELLOW IN COLOR) ON POV'S OF "AMERICAN EMPLOYEES IN GREECE" WOULD BE CHANGED IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE AMERICANS FROM THE "WAVE OF ANTI-AMERICANISM." NOTING THAT THE SUBJECT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN AN INITIAL MEETING OF COMPETENT GREEK AUTHORITIES, THE STORY INDICATES THAT A DECISION HAS YET TO BE TAKEN AS TO WHETHER THE REPLACEMENT PLATES USED WILL BE THOSE USED ON GREEK PRIVATE VEHICLES (PREFIXED IX AND WHITE IN COLOR) OR SOMETHING ELSE, BUT ADDS THAT A DECISION "WILL BE MADE WITHIN THE MONTH."

2. THE SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE CHANGE OF LICENSE PLATES WAS INTRODUCED BY THE EMBASSY LATE IN 1974 WHEN TIRE-SLASHINGS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND BURNINGS OF POV'S OF AMERICANS REACHED EPIDEMIC PROPOR-

TIONS AND THE GOG DISCLAIMED ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY.  
EARLY IN 1975 THE ISSUE WAS SUBSUMED WITHIN THE MYRIAD  
ISSUES UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS.  
THE STORY, BASICALLY ACCURATE CONCERNING LICENSING OF POV'S  
OF MEMBERS OF THE FORCE AND CIVILIAN COMPONENT, REFLECTS GOG  
EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE BUREAUCRATIC PROBLEMS WHICH HERETOFORE  
HAVE PREVENTED A CHANGE IN LICENSE PLATES. IT IS EXPECTED  
THAT THE SOLUTION ARRIVED AT IN THE INTERNAL DELIBERATIONS  
OF THE GOG WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE NEXT SESSION OF THE SOFA  
SUBGROUP IN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY.

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